



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Population: Question on Sex (P-1)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT MALES AND FEMALES

- The Department of Health and Human Services uses these data to determine the population to be served under the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant and to allocate funds to the states.
- The Department of Education uses these data to evaluate the quality of education and to provide every individual a high quality education.
- Retail clothing store planners use these data to determine the type of clothing outlets needed.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

1 What is this person's sex?

☐ Male

☐ Female

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA ABOUT MALES AND FEMALES

- National Education Reform, General Provisions Regarding Office of Educational Research and Improvement
- Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant
- Public Health Service Act

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HISTORY OF THE SEX QUESTION

- The question on sex was first asked in 1790. it has been asked in every census since then.
- The question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

Each category provides important information about the social, economic, and demographic conditions of the population. This item provides the information to determine the number of males and females in the population.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at:

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